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Contracting In Support Of The NRO

Because of the decision to transfer the IDEALIST program to the Air Force, I plan to abolish the Office of In addition to IDEALIST, OSA is responsible 25X1 Special Activities. for the program, the program, 25X1 and other miscellaneous contracts in support of My recommendations for the transition of IDEALIST the NRO. to the Air Force and for disposition of these remaining programs and activities are given below. I plan to transfer the Agency contracting responsibility for all continuing activities in support of the NRO to the Office of Development NRO reviewd (Anginese eding on 1 July 1974.

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Under the IDEALIST program which now consists of overall support for the Agency's U-2 aircraft, there has already been a gradual shift of U-2 supportive The latest understanding activity to the Air Force. will lead to a transfer of all CIA U-2 assets to the

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Air Force as soon as practicable. From a contractual standpoint, all IDEALIST field service support contracts will be extended three to six months in order to permit appropriate phase-out activities. The funding for these extensions will be provided by the Air Force through Director, Program D. All other contracts will expire at the completion dates specified therein, unless earlier termination is requested by the Air Force. With few exceptions,

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	In the past the CORONA represented	25X 1
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ı	recommend that this activity remain intact and be
pl	aced under the administration of the Office of ELINT,
wh	ich is physically collocated with the 25X1
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Other Contracts

There are a number of other miscellaneous contracts which the Office of Special Activities handles on behalf of various NRO activities.

I propose that we examine these on a case-by-case basis and that I provide you with my recommendations for each of these by 1 June 1974.

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for
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